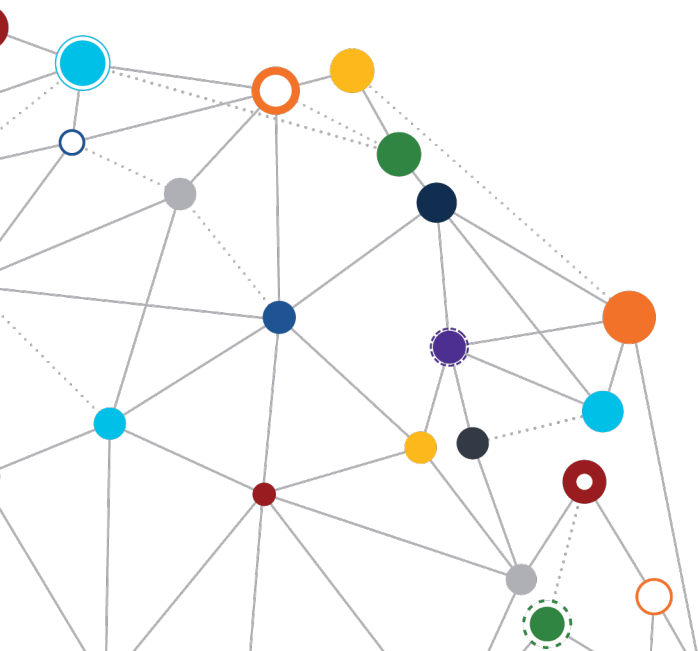




# VS GUI User Guide Addendum

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## 1 Introduction

Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Veterans Health Information Systems and Technology Architecture (VistA) Scheduling Graphical User Interface (VS GUI) module is the Windows GUI version of the Patient Information Management System (PIMS) Scheduling module. It provides appointment management functions included in PIMS Scheduling, but with the added convenience and usability of a GUI.

### 1.1 Purpose

The Veterans Health Administration (VHA) Office of Integrated Veteran Care (IVC) requested an enterprise enhancement for the VS package that supports COVID-19 response. The enhancement reduces operating costs for VHA and improves operational efficiencies, resulting in patient-centered access to care, coordinated care, increased customer satisfaction, and the reduction of excessive cycle/wait time for scheduling patients.

### 1.2 Overview

VS GUI is a software module that allows schedulers to make appointments quickly by viewing multiple appointment request types and multiple clinics in one screen. A scheduler can easily view patient requests for service, find the next available open appointment, view the provider's availability in multiple clinics, and track a patient's appointment process. Refer to [System Summary](#) for a more detailed description of VS GUI functionality.

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#### 1.3.1 Software Disclaimers

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## 1.4 Project References

### 1.4.1 Information

The VS GUI points of contact (POCs) include:

- » IVC Program Office
- » Scheduling Technical Director – Redacted
- » IVC Product Owner – Redacted

#### Vista Scheduling (VSE) Resources

- » Veterans Health Administration (VHA) VSE SharePoint: – Redacted
- » [VA Software Document Library \(VDL\) – Scheduling \(VSE manuals near the bottom\):](#)
- » [VDL Archive](#)
- » National Return to Clinic (RTC) Order: – Redacted

## 2 System Summary

The VSE project delivers a series of enhancements to legacy VistA Scheduling Version 5.3 via the VistA Scheduling (VS) Graphical User Interface (GUI) application.

This update is for the nationally released version 1.7.49.1, which includes VS GUI 1.7.49.1 and VistA patch SD\*5.3\*861. At time of publishing, install period is projected for December 2023.

VS GUI Release 1.7.49.1 contains a few user facing solutions among several back-end modifications. The logic to check out an appointment has been moved to the back-end to account for different time zones. Additionally, the time zone drop down has been fixed for video visit appointments and two updates were made to the calendar. The back-end updates include Remote Procedure Call (RPC) modifications as well as creating new RPCs to support current and future functionality.

### 3 Key Feature Update in Version 1.7.49.1

#### 3.1 Updates Calendar View To Account For Multiple Appointments

When there are several appointments within a time slot on the calendar grid, all of the appointments now appear within that time slot and are evenly spaced.

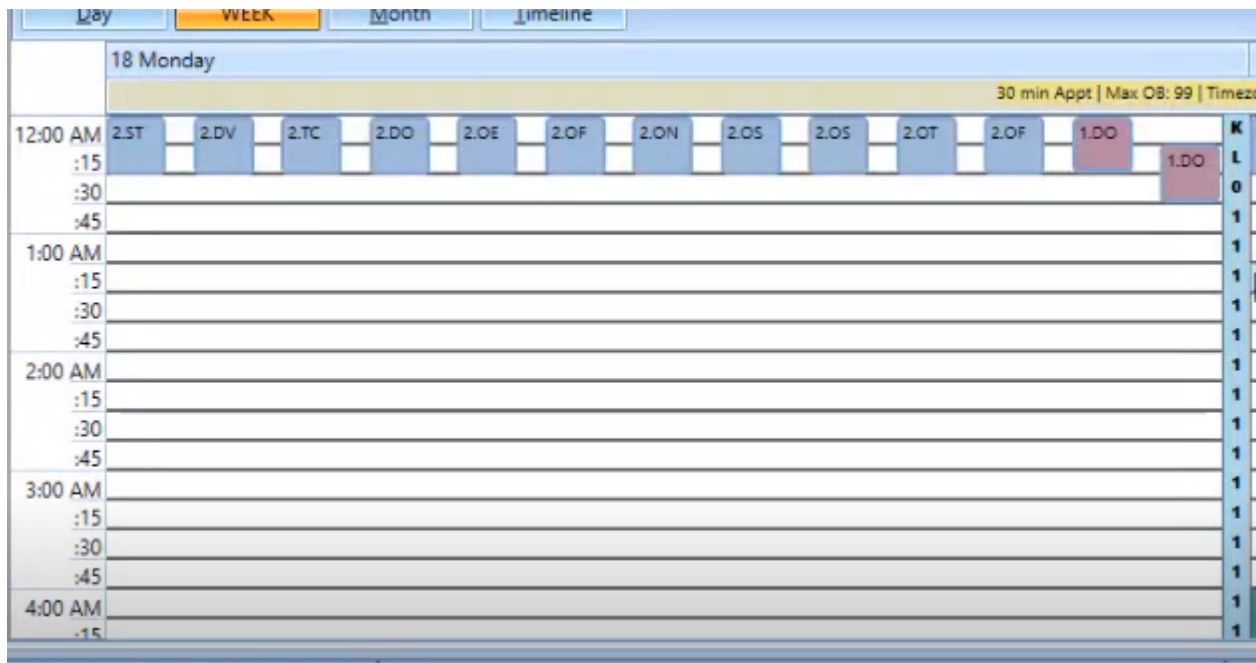


Figure 1: Updated layout showing multiple appointments within a time slot on the calendar grid.

### 3.2 Updates VA Video Connect (VVC) Appointment Creation Window

The time zone field on the VVC Appointment creation field was not populated previously. As of this release, the time zone field on the VVC Appointment window is now populated.

The screenshot shows the 'Create Video Visit' window with the following sections:

- Patient:** Name: TEST ,ELEVEN; DOB: 08/19/1948; SSN: 0551; Contact Method: Both; Use VA Device: ☐; \*Email: [redacted]; \*Preferred Phone: [redacted]; Timezone: EASTERN; Zip Code: 33602.
- Appointment:** Duration: 30; Start Time: Nov 24, 2023@09:00.
- VA Facility:** Name: ROSEBURG CEMETERY; Site Code: 902.
- Provider:** \*Provider: [redacted] [Select](#); \*Email: [redacted]; Add'l Contact: None; Timezone: HAWAII\_ALEUTIAN (highlighted with a red arrow).
- Assigned Guests (0 of 5):** Table with columns Name and Email.

The 'Timezone' dropdown menu is open, showing a list of time zones including ACRE, ALASKA, ARIZONA, ARABIA, ARGENTINA, ATLANTIC, AZORES, BRASILIA, BRITISH, CENTRAL, CENTRAL\_EUROPEAN, CHAMORRO, EASTERN, EASTERN\_EUROPEAN, GREENWICH, HAWAII\_ALEUTIAN (highlighted), IRISH, and MOUNTAIN.

Figure 2: Image showing the populated time zone field in the VVC Appointment window.